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Translation of an EDICT *to explain and renew those formerly issued concerning the Transit and Importation of English Merchandizes, and the Trade with England in general.* Berlin, May 11, 1774.

WE Frederic, by the Grace of God, King of Prussia, Margrave of Brandenburg, &c. &c. &c. Whereas it has been reported to us from different Places, that, in regard to the Trade with the Subjects of Great Britain, and the Merchandizes imported from Great Britain, or that pass through our Dominions, the Officers of our Customs have been frequently led into Error in executing the Ordinances and Edicts of the late King our Father, of glorious Memory, by not attending to the Difference which ought to be observed between the several Countries and Provinces, but have indiscriminately applied that which ought to take Place only with regard to one Province, to other Provinces where the same Measures could not but be prejudicial to the Trade in general, and to that of the Transit in particular.

We have judged it necessary to declare and to explain by the present Ordinance the former Edicts in such Manner that all Persons may know how to conduct themselves, and that for the future all Error, or Mistake in the collecting of the Taxes and Customs may be avoided.

And we are the more disposed thereunto, as our most earnest Desire and Intention is not only to keep up the mutual Commerce, which has hitherto subsisted with Great Britain, but also to extend and facilitate it by every possible Means.

For these Reasons we will and ordain by these Presents,

I.

With regard to the Transit and Passage of all English Merchandizes, without Exception, which pass through our Dominions on the Rivers towards the different Parts of Germany, Poland, Bohemia, and all the neighbouring Provinces, the Duties of Transit shall not be paid for the future, neither on the Elbe, nor by Land, when the Merchandizes pass through the Country of Halberstadt, Magdebourg, and through other Places, after the Rates of the Ordinance of the Year 1752, that is to say, at the Rate of 33 per Cent. but hereafter the Payment shall be made, without having any Regard to the Value of the Merchandizes, solely according to their Weight; that is to say, for every Quintal of 110 Pounds Weight a Tax of Six good Groschen, if such Merchandizes are going to Saxony; and only the Half of this light Impost, whenever it shall be proved that the Consignment is made directly for the Empire without touching the Provinces of Upper Saxony

As for the Transit with regard to Silesia, where according to the Constitutions of this Province it is regulated on the Foot of 8 per Cent. for all Foreign Merchants whatsoever who trade with Poland, there shall be no Innovation therein, and Things shall remain with respect to all German, Polish, Dutch and other Merchants, on the antient Foot. But in Favour of English Merchants, who shall use the Route that leads through Breslaw into Poland, these Duties of Transit shall be reduced to the Half, and they shall be obliged to pay only at the Rate of 4 per Cent. With respect to the different Provinces of Mark and Pomerania, they shall remain exempt from this present Regulation, since hitherto the English Convinces, and could not have been made on account of their natural Situation. But as the principal Trade of Great Britain in Poland is directed by Dantzick and the Vistula,

We order in the strictest Manner, that English Merchandizes, which arrive in this Manner by Sea in order to enter into Poland, of what Kind or Quality soever, except only Tobacco and Salt, shall absolutely pay no Transit Duty, nor shall be burdened with any other Impost, except those to which they have been subjected heretofore.

With regard to all our Provinces in Westphalia, to wit, the Dutchies of Cleves and Gueldres, the Principalities of Minden, East Friesland, and Meurs, the Counties of Mark, Ravensberg, Tecklenbourg, and Lingen, English Merchandizes shall not be subject therein to the least Duty for the Transit, but shall be exempt therefrom both at their coming in and going out, even though the Interests of Commerce, or other Circumstances should make it necessary to levy these Duties upon other Merchandizes, whatever they may be, not coming from Great Britain or her Colonies.

II.

With regard to the ordinary Duties, which, as is well known, are not burthensome in our Provinces and Dominions;

We order that British Subjects in the Commerce of their National Merchandizes, which they shall import into or convey through them, shall not be treated with more Rigour than our own Subjects, with whom they shall in this Respect enjoy like Advantages; provided that such English Contractors, as furnish our Tobacco Company with the necessary Quantities of Virginia and Maryland Tobacco, shall be entirely free; reserving nevertheless to ourselves, as Circumstances shall require, the Right of subjecting to the Duties the Dutch, Hamburgh, and other Merchants, when they shall trade in Tobacco on their own Account.

As to what concerns in particular the Customhouse of Fordan upon the Vistula, the same Rules shall be observed with Regard to English Merchandizes as are established by the Regulation of the Rates and Tariff of Poland; and our Officers shall be particularly attentive, and careful, that the Merchandizes shall not be taxed above their real Value, but conformably to Truth, and with the greatest Accuracy.

III.

In relation to such English Merchandizes, as are permitted to be imported for internal Consumption, they consist either in perishable Commodities, or in raw Materials, or Goods manufactured.

As to the first, to wit, salted or dried Provisions, English Beer, Tea, Coffee, Sugar in Canes, Rice, and Oil, which the English Ships import in large Quantities, also Whale Oil, and other Merchandizes of this Kind, the English Proprietors, or their Factors and Consigners, shall absolutely pay no more Excise than our own Subjects who are most privileged in Trade; provided nevertheless that this do not prejudice the Right of Burghership of our maritime Towns, and that the Equality be solely attached to the Merchandizes.

It shall be the same with regard to the Merchandizes of the second Class, as Pewter, Lead, Iron, Flax, Horses, Indigo, Gum, Logwood, and other Ingredients for Dying; Declaring moreover, that in regard to the Tobacco and Salt, which the English Proprietors shall sell for

Reſerving to ourſelves, not to extend this to the Dutch and Hamburg Contractors, if Circumſtances ſhould appear to us to require it.

Laſtly, with reſpect to manufactured Goods, Regard ſhall be had to their different Kinds, as well as to the Difference which there may be between our Provinces.

Hard Wares, Wrought Pewter, and Lead, as alſo Linnen Cloth, and Table Linnen, manufactured in England, may be imported into our Dominions without Diſtinction, and ſhall pay no other Taxes than thoſe paid by our own Trading Subjects, according to the different Tariffs eſtabliſhed with them. But as to Woollen, Cotton or Silk, Stuffs, as alſo Leathern Wares, Metal Wares, and Lace, they may be imported into our Provinces of Eaſt and Weſt Pruſſia, in the Quantity which is permitted to the Merchants of our ſaid Provinces.

But with reſpect to our Provinces on the Oder and Elbe, they ſhall remain under the Regulations of former Ordinances, particularly that of the 20th of March 1734, iſſued by Order of the late King our Father.

Nevertheleſs in all our Provinces of Weſtphalia above-mentioned, to wit, the Dutchies of Cleves and Gueldres, the Principalities of Minden, Eaſt Frieſland and Meurs, the Counties of Mark, Ravenſberg, Tecklenbourg and Lingen, the Importation of all theſe manufactured Merchandizes, as in general of all other Engliſh Merchandizes, ſhall be permitted without demanding for them the leaſt Exciſe, and without any Thing being paid for them, except what the Towns have a Right to demand for their Publick Cheſts. Finally, we declare, that whereas we are informed that the Officers of our Cuſtoms in our Sea-Ports, particularly in Pruſſia and at Stettin, in Return for the Treatment which our Ships receive in conſequence of the Act of Navigation, ſeem to think that thoſe of the Engliſh ought to be treated more rigorouſly than thoſe of other Nations, we entirely diſapprove of this, but on the contrary will and ordain, that, excepting the uſual Duty of the Port or Harbour, none whatever ſhall be demanded from, or impoſed on, Engliſh Ships; but that they ſhall be treated as the moſt friendly of all Commercial Nations.

Such is our Pleaſure; and for the greater Surety we will that this our Edict be printed and publiſhed every where: We will and ordain, that all our Officers Military and Civil, of what Condition ſoever, and particularly the Departments of our Military, and Finances, the General Adminiſtration of our Cuſtoms and Exciſe, all our Colleges of Juſtice, and all our Subjects without any Exception whatever, conform themſelves hereto, and take Care that This be duly executed. Given at Berlin this 11th of May, 1774.

FREDERIC.

Turin, June 3. We have moſt violent Storms here every Day, and the Hail and heavy Rains have done conſiderable Damage in many Parts of this Country. The Silk Worms have ſuffered very much.

Hamburg, June 10. We learn from Wiſmar, that the Squadron, deſtined to convoy the Princeſs of Holſtein Gottorp to Sweden, arrived at that Port on the 1ſt Inſtant.

This Squadron, commanded by Admiral Wrangel, conſiſts of one Ship of the Line of 70 Guns, two Frigates of 40 Guns each, one Yacht, and a Tranſport Veſſel for the Baggage. The Perſons on board the Squadron are; the Counteſs Ferſen; the Counteſs Ulrica Taube, Grand Governeſs; Mademoiſelle Caroline Lowenhaupt, Lady of the Bedchamber; Mademoiſelle Magdalena Lowenhaupt and Eleonora Eckebladt, Maids of Honour; one Marſhal of the Court; two Chamberlains, Baron Klinckeſtröm and Count Rüper; one Maſter of the Horſe, Baron Rulamp; Count Poſſe, Gentleman of the Court; with a grand Retinue of Servants; but the future Princeſs of Sudermania, we hear, will not ſet out for Wiſmar before the Return of the Courier, who is diſpatched to Stockholm on Account of Baron Hopken (Preſident of the Tribunal of Wiſmar) being unable, through Illneſs, to perform the Office of Proxy at the enſuing Marriage.

Berlin, June 11. His Pruſſian Majeſty went laſt Wedneſday to Schoenhauſen, to paſs the Summer Seaſon; and the ſame Day his Royal Highneſs Prince Henry ſet out for Rhinſberg, with the like Intention.

Mentz, June 11. About Five o'Clock this Evening died here his Serene Highneſs the Elector of Mentz, having been afflicted for ſome Time paſt with a Dropſy in his Breaſt.

Oſtend, June 11. The contagious Diſtemper among the Black Cattle has entirely ceaſed in our Neighbourhood.

St. James's, June 15.

This Day Taher Feniſh, Ambaſſador from the Emperor of Morocco, had his Audience of Leave of His Majeſty.

To which he was introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Rochford, one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell Dormer, Knight, Maſter of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, June 16.

This Day Taher Feniſh, Ambaſſador from the Emperor of Morocco, had his Audience of Leave of Her Majeſty.

To which he was introduced by the Honourable Charles Fitzroy, Vice Chamberlain to Her Majeſty, and conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell Dormer, Knight, Maſter of the Ceremonies.

AVERAGE PRICES of CORN,

From June 6, to June 11, 1774.

By the Standard WINCHESTER Buſhel of Eight Gallons.

	Wheat.		Rye.		Barley.		Oats.		Beans.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
London,	5	11	3	3	3	4	2	3	3	6
COUNTIES INLAND.										
Middleſex,	6	4	———		3	6	2	6	3	19
Surry,	6	5	4	0	3	9	2	4	4	3
Hertford,	6	5	———		3	10	2	6	4	0
Bedford,	6	4	4	6	3	11	2	5	3	11
Cambridge,	5	11	3	3	3	5	2	3	3	0
Huntingdon,	6	3	———		3	10	2	3	3	8
Northampton,	7	1	4	10	4	4	2	3	4	7
Rutland,	7	4	———		4	7	2	4	4	6
Leiceſter,	7	5	5	6	4	8	2	3	4	and
Nottingham,	6	9	5	3	4	7	2	4	4	
Derby,	6	11	———		———		2	7	4	5
Stafford,	7	5	5	0	———		2	8	4	7
Salop,	7	4	5	6	4	4	2	6	5	3
Hereford,	8	1	———		4	5	2	5	———	
Worceſter,	7	5	5	1	5	4	2	9	4	8
Warwick,	7	2	———		4	0	2	7	4	10
Glouceſter,	7	3	———		3	4	2	4	4	5
Wilts,	6	6	———		3	1	2	4	4	6
Berks,	6	4	———		3	4	2	5	3	11
Oxford,	6	11	———		3	7	2	7	4	3
Bucks,	6	8	———		4	3	2	9	4	2
COUNTIES upon the COAST.										
Eſſex,	6	0	3	2	3	5	2	3	3	6
Suffolk,	5	9	3	1	3	3	2	2	3	1
Norfolk,	6	1	3	4	2	11	2	3	———	
Lincoln,	6	9	4	3	3	9	2	3	3	9
York,	6	9	5	0	3	8	2	5	3	7
Durham,	6	4	4	2	3	6	2	2	3	0
Northumberland,	6	0	4	4	3	4	2	2	3	6
Cumberland,	6	8	4	3	3	6	2	6	4	1
Weſtmorland,	7	3	4	10	3	9	2	8	———	
Lancaſhire,	7	8	———		3	3	2	6	3	9
Cheſhire,	7	9	———		5	1	2	4	———	
Monmouth,	7	5	———		4	2	1	10	———	
Somerſet,	6	10	———		———		2	3	3	11
Devon,	6	1	———		3	1	1	8	———	
Cornwall,	5	9	———		2	11	1	7	———	
Dorſet,	6	7	———		2	10	2	2	3	11
Hampſhire,	6	2	———		3	4	2	3	4	0
Suſſex,	5	10	———		3	1	2	3	3	8
Kent,	6	0	———		4	0	2	2	3	2

From May 30, to June 4, 1774.

				WALES.						
North Wales,	6	4	4	6	3	8	1	11	3	10
South Wales,	6	3	5	2	3	6	1	8	3	1

Part of SCOTLAND.

Wheat.		Rye.		Barley.		Oats.		Beans.		Big.	
5	9	4	2	2	10	2	3	2	11	2	5

Publiſhed by Authority of Parliament,

Will^m Cooke.

Dublin-Caſtle, June 1, 1774.

Whereas, by an Act paſſed this Seſſion, intituled, An Act to explain and amend an Act paſſed in this Seſſion of Parliament, for granting Annuities with Be-

nefit of Survivorſhip, in Manner therein provided, the Lord Lieutenant of this Kingdom for the Time being is empowered to appoint one or more Perſon or Perſons to pay in the City of London the Annuities mentioned in the ſaid Act; His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant hath been pleaſed to appoint Meſſ. Browns and Collinſon, of the City of London, Bankers, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, of which all Perſons whom it may concern are to take Notice.

By his Excellency's Comm[illegible]

J.[illegible]uiere.

Treaſury Chambers, Dublin Caſtle, Ju[illegible]1, 1774.

I do hereby give Notice, That, in order to expedite the making out Debentures to all ſuch Perſons as ſhall be intitled to receive Annuities, by Virtue of the Act of Parliament paſſed this Seſſion, for granting Life Annuities with Benefit of Survivorſhip, in the Manner therein mentioned, I will, when required, receive the Nomination of Lives from ſuch Perſons who ſhall complete the Payment of the Subſcriptions, and be intitled to receive the ſaid Annuities, and make out Debentures to them accordingly. And that I will receive Affidavits made by ſuch Perſons ſo completing the ſaid Subſcriptions as aforeſaid, reſpecting the Ages and other Deſcriptions of the Nominees, as required by ſaid Act; and all Perſons whom it may concern are hereby farther deſired to take Notice, that Annuities payable to ſuch Perſons as ſhall, upon completing their Subſcriptions declare their Intention of receiving the ſame in London, will be paid by Meſſ. Browns and Collinſon, of the ſaid City, Bankers, appointed for that Purpoſe, without any Charge, Deduction, or Abatement whatſoever; and all Annuities payable in this Kingdom will be paid at the Treaſury Chambers in the Caſtle of Dublin, on the Days and in the Manner by the ſaid Act for granting ſaid Anuuities directed.

Nath. Clements, *Dep. Rec. Gen.*

Stamp-Office, Lincoln's-Inn, June 16, 1774.

THE Commiſſioners for managing His Majeſty's Stamp Duties, in purſuance of a Clauſe in an Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intitled, "An Act "to indemnify ſuch Perſons as have omitted to qualify "themſelves for Offices and Employments, &c." do give this timely Notice, That by the ſaid Act it is enacted, for the Relief of any Perſon or Perſons who through Neglect or Inadvertency have omitted to pay the ſeveral Rates and Duties, or any Part thereof, upon Monies given, paid, contracted, or agreed for, with relation to any Clerks, Apprentices, or Servants, and to have the Articles and Agreements ſtamped within the Times limited by former Acts of Parliament, or who have omitted to inſert and write in Words at Length, in ſuch Indentures or Writings, the full Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof received, or in any wiſe directly or indirectly given, paid, or agreed, or contracted for with every ſuch Clerk, Apprentice, or Servant, That upon Payment of the ſaid Rates and Duties upon Monies, or ſuch Part of ſuch Monies ſo neglected or omitted to be paid, on or before the firſt Day of September, 1774, and tendering the ſaid Indentures or Writings, to be ſtamped at the ſame Time, or at any Time on or before the Twenty-ninth Day of September, 1774, the ſame ſhall be good and available in Law and Equity, and may be given in Evidence in any Court whatſoever; and the Clerks, Apprentices, or Servants, ſhall be capable of following and exerciſing their reſpective intended Trade or Employment, as fully as if the ſaid Rates and Duties ſo omitted had been duly paid, and the full Sum received or agreed for had been inſerted; and the Perſons who have incurred any Penalties by the ſaid Omiſſions, are by the ſaid Act acquitted and diſcharged from the ſaid Penalties, except ſuch Perſons againſt whom any Proceſs has been already commenced.

By Order of the Commiſſioners,

John Brettell, *Secretary.*

London Aſſurance Houſe, June 15, 1774.

THE Court of Directors of the London Aſſurance Corporation hereby give Notice, That their Tranſfer Books will be ſhut on Thurſday the 23d Inſtant, in order to make out Liſts of the Proprietors qualified to vote for Governors and Directors, which Liſts will be ready to be delivered on Friday the 1ſt of July next, when the Books will be opened again; that a General Court will be held at their Houſe in Birchin Lane, on Tueſday the 5th of July next, from Nine in the Morning to Three in the Afternoon, for the Election of a Governor, Sub-Governor, and Deputy-Governor; and that the ſaid General Court will be continued, by Adjournment, and held at the ſame Place, and during the ſame Hours, on Wedneſday the 6th of the ſaid July, for the Election of Twenty-four Directors.

Note, By an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Seventh Year of His preſent Majeſty, no Perſon will be admitted to vote at the ſaid Election, who has not been poſſeſſed of his or her Stock Six Calendar Months preceding, except in the Caſes provided for in the ſaid Act.

TO be ſold, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before John Eames, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-Inn, Chancery-Lane, London, in two diſtinct Lots, All the Freehold and Leaſehold Eſtates of William Ettricke, Eſq; deceaſed, ſituate at Sunderland in the County of Durham, of the yearly Value of 218l. and upwards.

TO be reſold, purſuant to a ſubſequent Order of the High Court of Chancery, before John Eames, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-Inn, Chancery-Lane, London, on Monday the 4th Day of July next, between the Hours of Five and Seven o'Clock in the Afternoon, Lots two and three, being Part of the Freehold Eſtates late of Richard Savage, Eſq; deceaſed, comprized in a Particular thereof, ſituate in the County of Kent, together with the Timber now ſtanding and growing thereon.

TO be peremptorily ſold, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, on Tueſday the 19th of July next, between the Hours of Five and Six o'Clock in the Afternoon, before John Browning, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-Inn, Chancery-Lane, London, A Freehold Eſtate late of Edward Bowles, Eſq; deceaſed, ſituate at Newport Pagnell in the County of Bucks, in the Occupation of Richard Mills Cooper, William Higby, and Thomas Pater, together of the yearly Rent of 25l. Further Particulars may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers.

TO be peremptorily ſold, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before John Browning, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-Inn, Chancery-Lane, London, on Monday the 18th of July next, between the Hours of Five and Six o'Clock in the Afternoon, in two diſtinct Lots, The Eſtate of Sarah Pearſon, Widow, conſiſting of the Manor of Grove Barn, at Staines in the County of Middleſex, with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging; and of a Brick Dwelling-Houſe called Knowle Green Houſe, oppoſite to the ſaid Manor, together with 165 Acres of Land, and an unlimited Right of Common, lett on Leaſe to Mr. Shrubb, at the yearly Rent of 160l. and alſo Five Leaſehold Tenements lett to Mr. Nicholls, Tenant at Will, at 20l. 13s. per Annum. Further Particulars may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers.

TO be ſold, at Guildhall, London, on Tueſday the 28th Inſtant, between the Hours of Four and Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, before the major Part of the Commiſſioners named and authorized in and by a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued forth againſt Leonard Holl, late of the Pariſh of Saint Luke in Old-Street in the County of Middleſex, Snuffmaker, a Freehold Eſtate of the ſaid Bankrupt, ſituated near the Croſs Keys in Edmonton in the ſaid County, conſiſting of Two Dwelling-houſes, with Gardens, Coachhouſes, Barns, Stables, &c. alſo Five Acres and a Half of Paſture Land. The Whole lett at the yearly Rent of 47l. 11s. 6d. Further Particulars of which may be had by applying to Mr. Totton, in Spital-Square, Solicitor to the Commiſſion, or Mr. Ridgeway, Auctioneer, in Fenchurch-Street.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors and Legatees of William Beckford, of Fonthill in the County of Wilts, Eſq; and late Lord Mayor of the City of London, deceaſed, are to come in and prove their Debts and claim their reſpective Legacies before Robert Pratt, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-Inn in Chancery-Lane, London, on or before the 14th Day of July next, or in Default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Sarah Pearſon, of Windſor in the County of Berks, Widow, are, on or before the 21ſt Day of July next, to come in and prove their Debts before John Browning, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-Inn, Chancery-Lane, London, or in Default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt, bearing Date on or about the 22d Day of March laſt paſt, was awarded and iſſued againſt William Deighton, late of the Pariſh of Stroud in the County of Glouceſter, Brazier, Dealer and Chapman: This is to give Notice that the ſaid Commiſſion is, under the Great Seal of Great Britain, ſuperſeded.

THE Creditors, who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt William Harker, of the Pariſh of Saint Paul Deptford, in the County of Kent, Callico-Printer, Dealer and Chapman, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects, on the 22d of June inſtant, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, at North's Coffeehouſe in King-ſtreet, Cheapſide, London, in order to aſſent to or diſſent from the ſaid Aſſignees commencing, proſecuting, or defending, one or more Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; or to their compounding, ſubmitting to Arbitration, or otherwiſe agreeing [illegible]